MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to G. O. R. O. C. No. 1720 of 32/Genl., dated the 25th May 1932, published on page 1146, Part I of the *Gazette*, dated the 31st May 1932.

Officers to whom increments have been granted with retrospective effect since 1106.

402. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of officers to whom increments of pay have been given after the 1st Chingam 1106 with retrospective effect and the arrears of pay that have been ordered to be paid in each of those cases?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A statement* containing information regarding Gazetted officers is laid on the table.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know why these confirmations, with retrospective effect, were given effect to after the economic depression set in?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say exactly when the depression set in.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know why such large amounts were disbursed as arrears of pay?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Under the T. S. R. the rule is that promotions not involving change of duties would have effect from the date of the vacancies. I may point out that, in spite of that rule, these confirmations have not been made from the date of the vacancies, but only from a later date.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is that the rule even when officers are put "*in charge*"?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is altogether different; that is only a temporary arrangement.

MR. A. S DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Am I to understand that, in all these cases mentioned in the statement, the promotions were given under the rule in the T. S. R.?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): With regard to Mr. H. Harihara Aiyar, may I know the date from which he was given increment?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not know the date.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Does that case also come under the rule of the T. S. R. referred to by the Chief Secretary?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No; there the officer was *acting* in a vacancy and he was entitled to get the promotion from the date of vacancy, since he was in the higher post from that date. The other cases are cases of grade promotions involving no change of duties.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Was he not given increment before the date from which he was entitled to it?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No, that cannot be done ; the T S. R. does not allow it.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kart kapalli*) : May I take it that in all these cases, the rule in the T. S. R. has been followed ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Most of them are grade promotions. Some of them are promotions to vacancies which already existed. In the latter cases, the normal rule is that the acting hand may be confirmed with restrospective effect from the date of the vacancy if he has been acting in it from that date.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know why these confirmations were not made as the vacancies arose, and why all these cases were accumulated and dealt with together.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : By the time the papers came up for final orders, all these cases had arisen, and so they were all dealt with together. There is no other special reason why all of them were dealt together.

Mahomedan Inspector of Schools.

403. **MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to State :

(a) the names of the permanent and the acting Mahomedan Inspectors of Schools ;

(*b*) whether the permanent Inspector had any qualification in Arabic at the time he was appointed in the place and whether he passed any University examination in Arabic after the date of his appointment, and, if so, what and when ;

(*c*) the period during which the present incumbent has been acting in the vacancy and whether they are satisfied that he is fit and qualified for the post ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Permanent Mahomedan Inspector Mr. S. M. Sulaiman, B. A. Acting Mahomedan Inspector Mr. A. Ahmed Kunju, B. A.

(*b*) The answer to the first part is in the negative. Second part : Nearly four years after his appointment Mr. Sulaiman passed an examination in Arabic conducted by the Officer in charge of the Persian and Hindustani Translatorship to the Government of Madras. This was not a University examination.

(*c*) Mr. Ahmed Kunju has been acting as Mahomedan Inspector for more than one year and four months. Government are satisfied that he is competent to discharge the duties of the post though he has not the qualification prescribed.

G. O. re appointment of the Mahomedan Inspector of Schools.

404. **MR. N. A. SUNDARAM PILLAI** (*Tova'a*) : (1) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of their order No. E. 1989, dated the 31st May 1919, regarding the appointment of the Inspector of Mahomedan Schools in the State ?

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